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## Quick Facts

- This year's ride will cover 81 miles in York County.
- The funds will go toward the Student Veterans of Winthrop University.
- Cost for an adult rider is \$35, \$10 for Winthrop students.

ROCK HILL, S.C. – What started as an offhand comment to a friend has turned into an **annual event that raises money for Winthrop University's student veterans.**

This Saturday, students and the public can participate in **Frank Rizzo's 81st Birthday Ride**, a tradition that began in 2006, when Rizzo, a staff member in the **Office of Student Activities**, told his riding buddy George Davis that he was nearing his 75th birthday.

"I said something to the effect that since I was approaching three-fourths of a century, I want to ride 75 miles," Rizzo said. "George being George put together a group ride out of my home. It just grew from there, and it did every year since."

Last year, they turned the ride toward a charitable purpose, with about 40 riders raising approximately \$1,200 for the **Student Veterans of Winthrop**.

The 2012 birthday ride goal is set for 81 miles with ample breaks in between. The charge for adult riders is \$35 and \$10 for students.

Riders will meet at **The Shack** at 7 a.m. and will leave then.

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